

REMARKS

Applicant appreciates the Examiner's indication of allowable subject matter in original claims 2, 3, 6 and 7.

Applicant amended claim 1 to include the subject matter of claim 2 (cancelled) and made a self-explanatory amendment to claim 11. Applicant added new claims 13-23. New independent claim 13 includes the subject matter of original claims 1 and 6. New claim 22 includes the subject matter of new claim 13.

Accordingly, Applicant believes claims 1, 3-23 are allowable.

35 USC 101 and/or 103

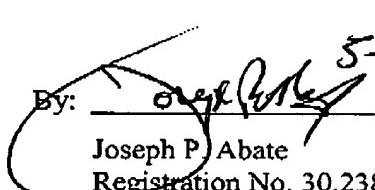
Although Applicant respectfully traverses the Examiner's previous rejections, Applicant amended the claims and added new claims to facilitate allowance.

Neither Hayashi, Degani, Drzaic nor Caton, nor any other art cited by the Examiner, whether or not applied, either singly or in combination, teaches, discloses or suggests Applicant's invention as set forth in claim 1 or claim 11, as amended, or in new claim 13 or new claim 22.

Accordingly, entry and consideration of this Amendment, and allowance of claims 1, 3-23 are solicited.

Respectfully Submitted,

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